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JEWISH CALENDAR.

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New Year's Eve.....Monday, Oct. 3
Yom Kippur.....Thursday, Oct. 13
First Day of Succoth.....Tuesday, Oct. 18
Shemini Atzereth.....Tuesday, Oct. 25
Simchath Torah.....Wednesday, Oct. 26
Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan.....Thurs., Nov. 3
Rosh Chodesh Kislev.....Friday, Dec. 2
First Day of Hanukah.....Monday, Dec. 26

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Rosh Chodesh Tebet.....Sunday, Jan. 1
Rosh Chodesh Shebat.....Monday, Jan. 30
Rosh Chodesh Adar.....Wed., Mar. 1
Purim (Feast of Esther).....Tues. Mar. 14
Rosh Chodesh Nissan.....Thurs. Mar. 30
Pessach (Passover).....Thursday, Apr. 13
Pessach (7th Day of).....Wed., Apr. 19
Rosh Chodesh Iyar.....Saturday, Apr. 29
Rosh Chodesh Sivan.....Sunday, May 28
Shabuoth (Feast of Weeks).....
.....Friday, June 2
Rosh Chodesh Tammuz.....Tues., Jun. 27
Rosh Chodesh Ab.....Wednesday, July 26
Feast of Ab.....Thursday, Aug. 3
Rosh Chodesh Ellul.....Friday, Aug. 25
New Year's Eve 5672.....Friday, Sept. 22
The day begins at sunset of the day preceding the corresponding common date.

EDITORIAL

(By Mrs. B. Lurie.)

AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE BREEDS PRESUMPTION.

Mr. Goldberg states, on last week's editorial page, that just 29 unaffiliated Jews expressed their willingness to join the I. O. B. B. This very small number cannot fail to arouse a painful train of thought. Dr. Cohen's efforts on behalf of B'nai B'rith interests were not rewarded as they should have been. No doubt, the new candidates were properly impressed by the worthiness of the cause, which the rabbi sponsored, laying aside his other many pressing cases and coming to Houston for the purpose. The 20 may congratulate themselves on their good judgment. The refusal of the others who were approached unsuccessfully is a reflection on their "boss" sense. They failed to consider how exceedingly valuable Dr. Cohen's time is.

It has been deplored, times without number, how thoroughly American independence levels even important distinctions. The more inferior the character, the more loudly he prates of being as good as the "next one." We admit we are all equal before the law,

in our privilege to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." But nature has endowed some individuals with superior characteristics to which she intends the rank and file to do homage. These inherent qualities raises distinctions between man and man with which justice, as commonly interpreted, has nothing to do. It is so in the world of matter. No one would dream of disputing the superior value of gold over iron, of diamonds over glass, of silk over cotton. Nature has ordained that these necessities should find their proper sphere in an humble capacity.

Nature, in many instances, compels us against our will, to do reverence and render obedience to those on whom she has seen fit to lavish her favors. Dr. Cohen is one of these fortunate mortals. If we steel ourselves against the good influence disseminated by such men as Rabbi Cohen, it is undoubtedly our loss. Those who refused to respond properly, may have erred in ignorance of the importance of the gentleman who approached them. For their information we wish to say that Dr. Cohen's activities on behalf of suffering humanity are innumerable. His connection with the Galveston Immigration Bureau has made him a figure of national prominence. He is a potent factor in Texas Jewry. His influence for good is beyond estimate. He knows not "self."

Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, on his visit to Texas, after the Galveston flood, frankly admitted that the country owed Dr. Cohen a debt of gratitude which it would never be able to discharge. His community has attested its affection for and appreciation of this "great man in Israel" by electing him their spiritual leader for life.

So, in consideration of Dr. Cohen's exalted position, great scholarship, and beneficent impulses towards all men, we hope that those who refused his appeal, will reverse their decision and fall in line at the earliest opportunity. "It is never too late to do good."

HARD TO PLEASE.

Congregation B'nai Jesurun of N. Y., has the reputation (enviable or otherwise), of changing rabbis very frequently. Dr. Tintner, considered a very efficient man in the rabbinate, resigned the first of this month. The congregation is seriously thinking of extending a call to Dr. Magnes, former associate rabbi of Temple Emanuel. In case this is carried through to the mutual satisfaction of both parties, it will be interesting to watch how long they will retain the services of their new leader.

UNDERPAID SERVICE.

We are informed that after twelve months' diligent search, the Federation of Synagogues of London, has been unable to obtain the services of a rabbi to act as Chief Minister of its 50

congregations. The requirements are "unimpeachable orthodoxy," a Ph. D. degree, a thorough, general, Talmudical education. The incumbent, when found, is to consider himself engaged for eleven long years, at the sum (let us whisper it), of \$2,500 per annum. Imagine an American rabbi undertaking the supervision of 50 congregations at this figure.

It is further stated that The Jewish Religious Union is in a similar quandary in its efforts to get a "liberal Jewish" rabbi to open its new synagogue. The meagerness of the salary offered must be trouble here also and was undoubtedly the reason of Dr. Enelow's non-appearance as the first reform rabbi in England. United States congregations pay liberally and therefore, get and retain the best. Money counts in the rabbinate as well as in other walks of life.

CHANUKAH BALL SUCCESS.

The fifth annual Chanukah Charity Ball of Herzl Lodge, I. O. B. B., which took place Tuesday night was a complete success in every sense of the word. The use of the new city auditorium, though still in a state of incompleteness, was tendered to the society by Vice Mayor Gaston. The city electrician and watchmen rendered the committeemen in charge valuable assistance in arranging the hall for the reception of the guests. President Chapman of the Houston Light & Power Co., gave the services of his company and expressed regret that we wanted nothing further of him. At nine o'clock the grand march started to the music of Schram's Orchestra and was participated in by more than one hundred couples.

The evening was spent in dancing and those not inclined to indulge in the terpsichorean art were content to sit in the boxes and enjoy the luxuriance of the sight of those on the floor and the brilliant lights and decorations. The labors of each committee will result in much profit for the charity fund. Those in charge of various committees were Mesdames U. S. Frosh and Jos. Tiras of refreshments, Miss Gertie Levy and assistants of the bazaar, J. L. Aronson of the floor, B. H. Greenberg, reception, S. J. Westheimer, I. Tiras and E. Goldberg, arrangements.

A Hebrew literary circle, known as "Tifereth Bocharim," has been organized in Lawrence, Mass.

The Council of Jewish Women will dedicate their new \$50,000 Settlement House in South Portland, Oregon, on January 7.

Bernard Ginzberg, of Detroit, Mich., was the principal speaker at a meeting in Syracuse last week, when he urged a federation of Jewish societies and the erection of a settlement house.

Mr. Joseph Fels, the Philadelphia millionaire and single tax champion, has returned home after a campaign through England. He will remain in America until February 1, 1911, when he will return to England to continue his propaganda.

The monument to Heine, which the late Empress of Austria erected in her castle at Corfu, and which the German Emperor caused to be removed when he purchased the estate, has now been placed in the Barkhof at Hamburg by its present owner, the well-known publisher, Herr Campe.

With the financial aid of several wealthy Jews, Dr. I. L. Magnes will organize a new congregation. Dr. Magnes proposes to make the services attractive for the great majority of newly arrived Jews by having the pulpit discourses not only in English, but also in German and Yiddish.

A conference between representatives of the Board of Deputies and the B'nai Brith has been held in London and has resulted in the tentative adoption of a plan whereby the work of providing legal representation to alien immigrants will be carried on by a joint committee of both bodies.

The Federation of American Zionists has received a cablegram from Cologne, dated November 24, announcing that the next Zionist congress, the tenth, will be held in Basle, Switzerland, in the month of August, 1911. The date and place were fixed at the meeting of the Larger Actions Committee held in Berlin on November 22.

A movement has been started to erect a monument in Washington to Commodore Uriah P. Levy, an officer in the United States Navy from 1812 to 1862. Congressman Jefferson M. Levy, of New York, the commodore's grandson, is leading the movement.

MR. AND MRS. LIPPER ENTERTAIN.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lipper entertained last evening in compliment to their attractive and accomplished debutante daughter, Miss Henrietta. After much merriment a two-course buffet supper was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Lipper were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Sol M. Colman.

Among those present were: Misses Henrietta Lipper, Perl Colman, Beckie Joseph, Carrie Sam, Jeanette Levy, Roberta Wolf, Perl Epstein, Emma Goldberg, Beulah Block from New Orleans, Daugh from New York, Lasser from Little Rock, Sybil from Mobile, Ala., Schornstein from Galveston, Libbie Lewis; Messrs. Julius Edel, Ike Jacobs, Bernard Newding, Harry Prince, Maurice Goldman, Tom Flaxman, Leon Flaxman, Abe Wagner, Sol Schoenmann, Phil Pesses, Joel Schoenmann, I. Epstein, Maurice Rosenberg, Joe Geigerman from Pittsburgh, Pa., Adrian Souza, B. B. Schram.

HEARNE.

Sam M. Rosenstein and S. Edward Deutser will spend New Years in Ft. Worth, where they expect a big time. * * * The Misses Adams and Levine of Waco and the Misses Annie and Sarah Levine of Calvert were the guests of friends in this city Monday. * * * Mr. S. Edward Deutser, who is connected with Resenstein's, is keeping close company with a young lady of this city; he is very popular and something in a matrimonial way to happen is looked for.

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